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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Marcus Charles	3682	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3-01-05 & 9-11-03.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other:

DETAILED ACTION

This is the first action relating to serial application number 10/660,249, filed 09-11-2003.

Claims are 1-5 are currently pending.

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show the drawing figures for the three alternative embodiments as describe in pages 7-8 of the specification. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet"

pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: in pages 7-8, the specification refers to three alternative embodiments but does not provide description for the alternative embodiments. Appropriate correction is required

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 1, it is not clear if it is the projection or the inside and outside flanks that satisfies the relation. Note in the specification, page 7, line 5, the paragraph states that the inside and outside flanks are formed in a way such that the inequality is satisfied.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1- 5 are , as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanehira et al. (6,325,735). Kanehira et al. the silent chain as claimed including links of adjacent rows (P3, P4) are connected by pins (25); the teeth (34) of each link (22) having inside flanks (28) and outside flanks (30). Kanehira et al. also discloses the inside flank is formed with a curved shape having a predetermined radius and the outside flank is flat, so that when the chain is pulled straight the inside flank of the first link plate in a link row projects relative to the outside link of a first link plate in an adjacent link row such that a projection exist between the inside flank and the outside flank. Kanehira et al. fail to disclose the range of the projection with respect to the chain pitch in reference to the pitch. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify inside and outside flanks of Kanehira et al. so that the projection satisfies the relating $0.021*P \leq \delta_{max} \leq 0.063P$ and $0.035 \leq P*\delta_{max} \leq 0.063P$, since it has been held that where the general condition of the claims are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum ranges involves only routine skill in the art. In re Aller, 105 USPQ 233

In claim 3, Kanehira et al. discloses the claimed invention.

In claim 4, Kanehira et al. disclose the claimed invention (col. 7, lines 26-63).

In claim 5, Kanehira et al. disclose that the plates are different and are in a random pattern along the length of the chain. Therefore, it is apparent that if the profiles are different than the pitch of one plate is different form the other.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Avramidis (4,915,675), Horie et al. (6,533,691), Dull (1,598,906), Ledvina et al. (4,832,668), Cradduck (4,759,740) disclose a chain having links with inner flanks having a radius of curvature. Mott (5,464,374) discloses as link in which the outer flank comprise a radius of curvature and Behning (1,693,431) and Horie et al. (6,533,691) disclose links having inside and outside flanks having radius of curvature. Saito (6733,410) Maruyama et al. (5,267,910) and Honda et al. (4,764,158) disclose a CVT.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marcus Charles whose telephone number is (571) 272-7101. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bucci can be reached on (571) 272-7099. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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